

Postwar Period To See Growth In Population

Population growth in the post-war period is a certainty, with surveys among servicemen showing 15 to 45 per cent of those trained here or discharged from local hospitals favoring Southern California as their permanent homes, according to Carlton Tibbets, former Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce president. However, to keep pace with anticipated business enter-

WAR DISCOVERIES. Britain's wartime search for oil, which resulted in the discovery of a new oil field in the British Isles, also uncovered two new coal fields as well as valuable deposits of potassium and two great natural gas wells.

prise, he added, steel must be obtained from the east at equalized freight rates or be produced here at a cost competitive with that prevailing in other industrial regions of the nation.

Eastern manufacturers seem aware of this trend in population and many already have acquired sites on which to build postwar branch plants, he said.



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PUBLIC NOTICE!

The proposed schedule as published by us in last week's issue will NOT be placed in operation on March 1st.

Watch for Revised Local Schedule Soon.

TORRANCE MUNICIPAL BUS LINES

Harbor Woman Takes Over WAC Advisory Job

Mrs. Robert E. Carson, 1313 Silvius ave., San Pedro, president of the San Pedro Friday Morning club, and the San Pedro Junior Red Cross, has accepted the chairmanship of the civilian advisory committee to the Women's Army Corps from Mrs. Herman J. Garretson of South Pasadena, chairman for the Southern California area.

Mrs. Carson was a guest this week at an elaborate and beautiful luncheon in the host room of the Ambassador hotel, Los Angeles, given in honor of Mrs. Oswald Bates Lord of New York, national chairman of General George C. Marshall's civilian advisory committee.

Mrs. William Day Moore of 402 Myler st., San Pedro, who is in charge of Mrs. Donald Armstrong's group — Mrs. Armstrong of Palos Verdes Estates is regional chairman — and Mrs. Peter Bartmus, chairman of the Redondo Beach area were also guests.

The exigencies of an unheralded visit on the part of Mrs. Lord prevented the assembling of all Mrs. Armstrong's committee women for this luncheon, but more than fifty outstanding women did honor Mrs. Lord who brought with her a program for the year 1945 in connection with the civilian committee activities. Paying high tribute to the

New Textile Factory North Of Torrance

Purchase of a factory building in Los Angeles for the establishment of a great new segment of this area's rapidly growing textile industry was announced last night by George J. O'Brien, chairman of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce industrial development committee.

The United Piece Dye Works, of Lodi, New Jersey, one of the oldest and largest textile finishing companies in the United States, has taken over property at 5000 Long Beach ave. and is installing the most modern machinery in America for dyeing and finishing synthetic and mixed fabrics, O'Brien said.

The new industrial enterprise, the first large scale venture of its kind in the west, will be ready to start manufacturing operations next fall, according to Charles Blount Jr., president of United Piece Dye Works, with several hundred employees on the payroll. Key technicians will be brought here from the New Jersey plant of the company to train new employees and supervise manufacturing processes.

The United Piece Dye Works, according to the chamber of commerce announcement, has been a leader in the processing of quality fabrics since 1891. The company is pioneering a large scale venture in the west after a careful survey of the potentials of western markets.

Southern California, and the brilliant organizational work of Mrs. Armstrong in her large and varied district, Mrs. Lord was particularly interested in the manner in which the program has progressed since its inception in August, 1944. Mrs. Armstrong, regional director for the South Bay district, as well as the Long Beach area, spoke briefly on the achievements, and gave a brief report on the number of meetings, screenings of the war department film, "To the Ladies," and parties honoring the Wacs, since she took over the job.

The average Victory garden in the United States produced 900 pounds of vegetables in 1944. Collectively this amounted to eight millions tons. Did you ever think of the labor you are saving by carrying this eight millions tons in from your garden, thus avoiding its transportation from the farm via truck, railroad, wholesale market, retail store, and then home?

There are no new trucks being made. Tires are scarce. Gasoline supply is limited, and there are hardly enough locomotives and freight cars to haul guns and ammunition. Yet it takes the equivalent of 5,000,000 trips of a five-ton-truck to move the "Victory Garden Salad" from farm to market or to railroad and then from wholesale or commission house to retail store. If half of this "salad" moves to a distant market by rail, 1500 railroad trains of ninety cars each with thirty tons to the car will be required. And then think of the crating and the sacks!

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Victory Gardens

Victory gardens served their purpose in 1943 and 1944 and will play an equally important part in the 1945 food picture, says M. H. Kimball, assistant farm advisor of the Agricultural Extension service, University of California, and deputy coordinator for the Victory garden advisory committee for Los Angeles county.

Food needs of the country and of the armed forces will be equal or greater than in 1944. Export needs will doubtless increase due to occupation of foreign countries with larger populations to feed. Farm machinery is becoming older, less effective, and available skilled farm labor harder to find.

All these things add up to a need for Victory garden response as big in 1945 as in 1944. President Roosevelt in his proclamation of January 24 said: "I call upon the millions of Victory gardeners who have done so much to swell the nation's food supply in these war years to continue their good work."

The Victory garden advisory committee of Los Angeles county is calling on women's clubs, service clubs, citizen service corps of civilian defense, P. T. A.'s, and other organizations to renew their Victory garden campaign for 1945.

"There is no better way for millions of men and women throughout the country to make a direct contribution to the current war manpower shortage than by producing food right at home. Their combined production would require the year-around labor of 95,000 men, the equal of six full army divisions. In addition to this staggering figure are the countless truck and train loads of food moving to town or city, the warehouse space, wholesale and retail clerk's time, etc. These armies of people can be devoted to other war jobs if gardeners produce their vegetables at home."

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Six to eight-inch spading is ample for most garden plants. Deeper spading for carrots will be rewarded by a longer more advantageous root. In fact, if your soil is heavy the only way you can get good carrots will be to add liberal amounts of composted grass cuttings or other vegetable material and work the bed at least a foot deep.

Planting Here again the gardener comes right up against the question, "What direction should the furrows be run?" Remember they should be perfectly flat unless more than 30 to 40 feet long. With this question decided and the spading of the seedbed accomplished, make the irrigation furrows before planting the seed. To do this shovel a shallow trench, spading the dirt on top of the bed between two furrows. Rake the surface flat and you will find you have a "raised" bed. The width of the bed you can control by where you dig the trench or furrow. You likewise can control the height of the bed above the furrow bottom. Rake the top of the bed flat after you have spread the dirt from the furrow over it, and you are ready for planting.

These raised beds established on a level grade are particularly advantageous in seed sprouting because you can plant about two inches back from the edge of the bed, then hold water in the furrow an inch below the seed level and allow it to soak underneath, wetting the seed yet not wetting the surface of the ground over the seed.

Two rows of lettuce or spinach, radishes, etc., can be planted on the 12-inch top of a bed. For carrots, make a 16-inch bed and plant three rows. For cabbage, a 24-inch bed will carry a double row, or single rows can be carried on a 12-inch bed with a broader shallow furrow between.

Carrots, radishes, turnips—all root crops—will give a heavier yield if the seed is scattered in an inch-wide band rather than a narrow "V" type depression. To make the band, nail three short pieces of lath to a cross-piece the right distance apart. Then after flattening the top of the bed, make quarter-inch deep marks with the lath, scatter in the seed, and cover it.

Do not put seed too deep. Get your Victory garden guide from the office of the farm advisor and learn the spacing and depth of planting for each kind of vegetable. To prevent damping-off of seedlings, dust the seed with red or yellow copper oxide before planting and be prepared to sprinkle the surface of the seed bed with a fungicide as soon as the seedlings appear. Onion seed should not be dusted with red copper oxide, most other kinds are satisfactory.

To prevent the shallow planted seed from drying, it may be covered with burlap or with paper until the seed sprouts, or a quarter to half-inch layer of dried grass cuttings can be applied. This latter is not removed when the seedlings come through. Sometimes damping-off is worse under mulches of this kind. It can be controlled, however, by sprinkling the mulch cover with a Semisan solution.

NON-MAGNETIC Non-magnetic metal is used by the Army in the manufacture of steel helmets in order to avoid deflection of the indicator needle when using compasses.

Patterson Is Promoted; Out Of Hospital

Sgt. Edward Patterson, Jr., of 1670 W. 218th st., recently promoted, reported in a letter to his sister of the same address that he is now out of the hospital, where he was recuperating in England. Patterson says he enjoyed a chicken dinner recently while on furlough. Patterson asks his friends to address his mail "Sgt." since he has been promoted.

LYLE M. SARGE... a sergeant, serving with an armored division, has arrived in France, according to a recent letter to his wife, the former Irene Findley.

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